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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application simultaneously with filing the  
accompanying application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Unnumbered page 8 delete this line paragraph starting on line 11  
namely "(Figure 3)"

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, Line 1, delete this line paragraph, namely "Description"

Page 1, Line 5, before this line insert the following paragraph  
heading:

--FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, Line 27, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, Line 34, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

Page 4, Line 13, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

IN THE CLAIMS

(APPLICATION PAGES 6-7)

Before claim 1, change "Patent Claims" to --I CLAIM:--

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and substitute new claims 11-20 therefor:

--11. (new) An instrument panel for a motor vehicle comprising at least one electronic component which is arranged on a carrier, and/or one plug part, electrical leads

which are conductively connected to the electronic component and/or the plug part, wherein the carrier (3, 10, 19) has protruding contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) which are connected to the electronic component (4, 11, 21) and/or to the plug part (14, 20), and the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are attached to the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23).

12. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) are arranged transversely with respect to longitudinal extent of the leads (7, 15, 24).

13. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein a connection of ends of the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) to the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) is a materially joined connection.

14. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein ends of the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are wound around the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23).

15. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are stretched between two contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23).

16. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein the contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) are pressed into the carrier (3, 10, 19).

17. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein the electrical leads (15) are insulated by plastic foam (17) which is arranged on the carrier (10), and are secured in a position in which they are spatially separated from one another.

18. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein a plurality of the electrical leads (7, 15, 24) are arranged in a common plane.

19. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein said contact pins (6, 13, 22, 23) and the plug part (12, 20) and/or the electronic component (4, 11, 21) are formed as a premountable physical unit.

20. (new) The instrument panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein guide elements (16, 25) for the electrical leads (15, 24) are arranged on the carrier (3, 10, 19).--

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This amendment is requested to be entered simultaneously with filing this application.

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and claims 11-20 are presented therefor which have the same subject matter of claims 1-10, respectively, and present the claims in accordance with USA practice under 35 USC 112 and eliminate multiple-dependent form claims.

No multiple-dependent claims exist in this application as of the filing date and no multiple-dependent claim fees apply.

The abstract, specification and claims have also been amended for formal improvement to comply with USA practice.

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the claim fees and prior to an action on the merits, which is respectfully requested.

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